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In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/477,962

Filed: 01/05/2000

For: **BLEOMYCIN GENE CLUSTER COMPONENTS AND THEIR USES**

Examiner: Peter Tung

Art Unit: 1652

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2001, containing a Restriction Requirement. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for three months.;

REMARKS

In the August 10, 2001 Office Action the Examiner required restriction to one of the following "SuperGroups" under 35 U.S.C. §121:

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| SuperGroup A: | Claims 1-21, 23, 40-45, 65-66, 68-69, and 71-73, drawn to a nucleic acid sequence encoding a BLM open reading frame (ORF); |
| SuperGroup B: | Claims 22, 24-39, and 67, drawn to multi-functional protein complexes and polypeptides; |
| SuperGroup C: | Claims 46-63, drawn to methods of chemically modifying a biological molecule; |
| SuperGroup D: | Claim 64, drawn to a method of producing a bleomycin compound; and |
| SuperGroup E: | Claim 70, drawn to methods of converting and apo-carrier protein to a holo-carrier protein; |